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SUBJECT: MTN: AGRICULTURAL GROUP MEETING, APRIL 15

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1. WE HAD SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM FOREIGN DELEGATIONS AS TO WHETHER TALKS ARE UNDER WAY TO REACH A COMPROMISE BETWEEN EC AND US POSITIONS CONCERNING THE RULE OF THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP.

2. UK DELEGATION SOURCES TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD ATTEMPT TO SOFTEN THE EC POSITION. HOWEVER, THEY NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THE U.S. POSITION HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED OR WHETHER IT WILL BE MORE FLEXIBLE, IN PARTICULAR WITH REGARD TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WORK OF THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP AND THAT OF OTHER GROUPS ON FUNCTIONAL ISSUES.

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3. UK SOURCES ALSO POINTED OUT TO US THAT THE PERMREPS
WILL BE MEETING ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY IN BRUSSELS. THEY
SAID THE US POSITION SHOULD BE KNOWN BY THIS TIME BECAUSE
THIS MEETING WOULD AFFORD THE LAST OCCASION BEFORE APRIL 15
TO MODIFY THE EC POSITION.

4. SHOULD USG CONSIDER POSTPONING APRIL 15 AGRICULTURAL
MEETING, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL BE
SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS. WITHOUT SUCH
SUPPORT IMPRESSION PREVAILING AMONG SOME FOREIGN DELEGATIONS,
THAT US DOES NOT WISH TO
NEGOTIATE, WOULD BE STRENGTHENED. MCNAMARA

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